

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the careful consideration and favorable treatment of the application in which claim 5 is indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pels. Claims 1-3 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ludanek in view of Le Van. These rejections are now moot in view of the present amendment.

More particularly, claim 5 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 1 and based on the Examiner's comments that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 5, in its amended form, should be allowed.

Claims 2-4 have been amended such that these claims depend from what should now be an allowed independent claim 5 and therefore, claims 2-4 should be allowed.

Claims 6-9 which were previously withdrawn have been canceled.

Claim 10 has been amended to include the feature recited in claim 5 and based on the Examiner's finding that claim 5 contained allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10, as amended, should be allowed for the same reasons as to why claim 5 should be allowed. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 10 are earnestly solicited.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed

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to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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